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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Incorporated, for Fiscal Year 1997

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Incorporated, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1997.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 1102-1103 to

- present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,
- obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and
- submit the auditor's report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress not later than 6 months following the close of the corporation's fiscal year.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit report complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditor's report, and made any inquiries to corporation officials or the auditors as deemed necessary. We did not review the auditor's working papers.

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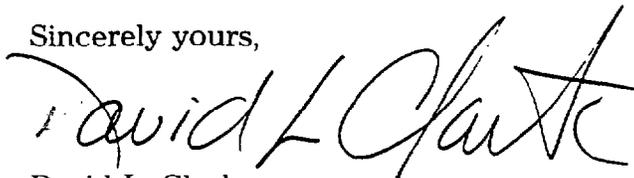
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For the past 3 years, the auditors have issued qualified opinions, based on not observing the taking of the physical inventory. Except for this issue, nothing came to our attention that would cause us to believe that the financial reporting requirements of the law have not been met.

We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David L. Clark  
Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

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